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AVAPCD SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR AIRE AWARDS

Lancaster -- The Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD) is soliciting nominations for its third annual awards for Achievement in Reducing Emissions (AIRE), air quality officials have announced. The AIRE awards recognize outstanding contributions towards the reduction and/or prevention of air pollution within the Antelope Valley.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, agencies, organizations and individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution reduction and/or prevention programs. Nominated entities/projects must be located within the AVAPCD's jurisdictional boundaries, and nominated individuals must reside within the District. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a second party.

Last year, two local entities were awarded the AVAPCD's highest honor. The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) was recognized for its "Bicycle Racks on Buses" program, while Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Palmdale was recognized for developing an innovative integrated chemical management system which automates and ensures precise record keeping.

Nominations must be postmarked or received by Friday, August 13 at 5:00 P.M. The AIRE Awards will be presented during National Pollution Prevention Week, September 17-23. To receive a Nomination Packet, or for more information, call (661) 723-8070.